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CarrotFest weekend!

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Get out your orange shirts, green hats and party spirit! - the 18th Annual CarrotFest, Bradford West Gwillimbury's celebration of its agricultural "roots," takes place this weekend, Aug. 19-21.

The festival begins on Friday, with Opening Ceremonies on the Main Stage on Simcoe Rd. at 6 p.m. - followed by performances by Feverish Lemons, and Jagger Tanner Band.

But Saturday is CarrotFest's big day - kicking off at 9 a.m. with an **Enbridge Pancake Breakfast** that is a fundraiser for BWG Minor Hockey, and the start of the outdoor vendors' street market in Bradford; BWG Fire & Emergency Services providing fire prevention info and fundraising on Holland St. East; **Ontario Dock Dogs Competition** at the Bradford Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd.); and the annual **CarrotFast 5K Run or 2.5K Walk** at the Bob Falls Sports Complex (see carrotfast.com for details and to register!)

Entertainment begins on the main stage and two Busker pitches, with performances by Kobbler Jay, Brant Matthews the Fire Guy, Herclia Arts, Trulee Odd Show, The Puppet Tamer, among others - and watch for Silver Elvis, Brampton Batman, Elsa, a Minion, Gwilly and Captain Carrot wandering the streets.

There will be a **midway** at the Bradford Community Centre, after all, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday only, as well as pony rides.



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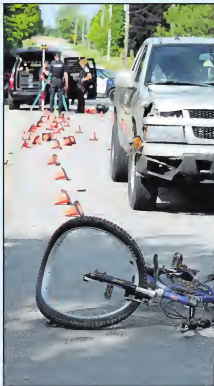
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Fatal collision

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A New Tecumseth cyclist was killed when his bike collided with a pickup truck Wednesday morning. South Simcoe police say the 70-year-old man was travelling east on Bradford Line 4, between 5 Sideroad and Highway 27, when he was struck at approximately 6:40 a.m. "It looks like he was just riding east in the travelling lane, when he was hit by a (truck) in the same lane, (going) in the same direction," said Const. Rich Williamson. He suggested that the driver of the pickup, a 42-year-old Allison man, may have been temporarily blinded by the sun. The driver, who ran for help to a neighbouring residence, remained on scene, and was "very co-operative," police said. The cyclist was transported to hospital and pronounced dead there, police said. His next of kin is being notified. "It doesn't appear at this point that speed is a factor," said Williamson, mentioning it's an 80 kilometre an hour zone. "I think he (the truck's driver) was doing less than that." He said that alcohol is also not a factor. No charges have been laid at this point.



Shaping the new Official Plan

MIRHAN KING/BRADFORD TIMES

The first in a series of stakeholder meetings was held Aug. 16, asking for input on policies that will form the framework for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's Official Plan Review.

The topics were growth and population, and Downtown Bradford. Facilitator Joe Nethery, senior project manager with MMAM Group, explained the connection: Provincial Places to Grow policies and legislation, enshrined in the County of Simcoe's Official Plan, project that Bradford West Gwillimbury will grow to a population of 50,500 from the current 35,000 by 2031, and from 9,400 jobs to 18,000.

Intensification within the downtown core of Bradford can help the town meet growth targets.

"These numbers reflect fairly significant growth," said Nethery. The town's existing Official Plan proposes a population of 47,800 by 2026; the new target adds another 2,700 people.

"What does that 2,700 look like, and where would it go," he asked a crowd of about 30, that included town council-



MIRHAN KING/BRADFORD TIMES

First in a series of Stakeholder Meetings, as part of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's Official Plan Review was held on Aug. 16.

lers, developers, landowners and interested residents. "Is there sufficient land (within the existing urban boundaries) to accommodate that? Does the downtown need more people in it?"

Nethery noted that many municipalities now see "older main streets as a potential redevelopment opportunity." He added, "The time will come when we will have to make a recommendation to council as to what appropriate intensification will look like" — ranging from secondary apartments and garden suites, to townhomes, condos and high rise apartments.

"The town 'has done an awful lot of studying about what we can do to make downtown Bradford a more exciting place'; the issue is one of how that vision can be implemented."

Several participants identified the downtown core as an ideal location for intensification — already serviced by pub-

lic transit, and near a GO Train station — but concerns were raised over the current "bottleneck" in traffic on Holland St.

Councillor Gary Lamb noted that the town has had higher density developments in its Official Plan, "but they never get built." Under pressure from developers and residents, the town has approved townhomes or link homes, instead of apartment buildings, he said. "Between politics and profit and expediency, we're not building housing that allows us to achieve our goal."

"When we actually go to implement them, it's 'Not in my backyard,' agreed Councilor Mark Contois.

Several developers and realtors warned that there may be no demand for high rise and higher density development, but others pointed out that there is an affordability issue, with the homes now being built, and the need for a full range of housing types.

And to the question, "Does the downtown need more people in it?" Councillor Gary Baynes responded, "It's too busy traffic-wise; it's not busy enough, people-wise."

Stakeholder meeting #2 is on Aug. 18, dealt with Employment Lands; a third meeting, on seniors' accommodation, will take place Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bradford Community Centre.

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Celebrating Ukraine Independence Day

Bradford - The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has proclaimed Aug. 28 as Independence Day of Ukraine.

Whereas: The Act of Declaration of Independence of Ukraine was adopted by the Ukrainian Parliament on Aug. 24, 1991 - establishing the democratic and sovereign state of Ukraine; and

Whereas: This occasion is recognized annually by Ukrainians in celebration of their historic past and to honour those who fell fighting for the country's independence; and

Whereas: Today, the Independence Day of Ukraine is the country's primary state holiday, recognized by flying the national flag on the eve of August 24, and activities during the day; and

Whereas: The Ukrainian flag, reinstated in 1992 and adopted by the Parliament of Ukraine (Verkhovna Rada), consists of the colour blue, representing sky, mountains and waters, and gold, symbolizing the wheat fields of the country; and

Whereas: Proud Ukrainian Canadians have chosen Bradford West Gwillimbury as their community, to build a future for their families and children;

Therefore Be It Resolved: That his Worship Mayor Rob Kaffer and Members of Council proclaim Aug. 28 as Independence Day of Ukraine in the Town of BWG. There will be a flag-raising and celebration on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 1 p.m., in front of the Bradford Courthouse, 57 Holland St. East.

It's the Arts

Carrotfest Centre for the Arts

The Bradford Fine Artists are bringing the Arts to Carrotfest From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 20, members of the group will be performing music and dance performances outdoors on the stage at the Bradford Courthouse and acoustic music performances and a gallery walk will be held at the Centre for the Arts (Bradford United Church, at 666 Barrie St.). Local artists and musicians invite festivalgoers to join them from the heat and noise, by checking out the new Bradford Centre for the Arts, an initiative that is important to the community and local economy. For more information, write by Lauren Orlovsky, Ingrid Schlenke, Corinne Donnelly, Emily Houghton, Andrea Crompton, Meade Crompton, Jennifer Crompton and Leah Farnar. Performances open with an Open Jam at 9 a.m., followed by singers and musicians that include Erica Quattrin, Claire Quattrin, and the Quattrin and Janie Houghton. For more information contact bradfordfineartists@gmail.com or contact Rev. Jimmie Crompton at Bradford United Church.

Youth Arts Show

South Simcoe Arts Council will be hosting a Youth Arts Show, for young artists in Grades 1 through 12 and an Emerging Artists Show, for Grade 11 through to adult, this fall from Sept. 7 to Oct. 29. The adjudicated shows will also award Alice Forestell Bursaries. Best of Show, in the Youth Arts Show, will receive \$100; Best of Show in the Emerging Artists' Show will receive \$150. Deadline for registration is Aug. 29; registrations are available at the Arts Council office, 41 Victoria St. East in Alliston, or online at www.southsimcoeartscouncil.com.

Las Vegas Tribute

Frank Sinatra. Dean Martin. Enjoy their music once again, as two talented tribute artists from Fabulous VegasNorth Entertainment perform at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, on Saturday, Sept. 24. Tickets are \$20 per person, and include refreshments at intermission. Available at the Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd. or call 905-775-0612. Doors will open at 8:30 p.m., performance begins at 7 p.m. Come out for a night of Vegas stars.

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The Beer Garden opens at 11 a.m., and at 11:30, there will be a free demonstration of PWA wrestling at the Bradford Community Centre, featuring the likes of Mike Hart, Primo Scardino, Rob Rage, El Tornado, and Elite Women wrestlers.

The 24 Carrot Hold'em Poker tourney begins at noon at The Village Inn - and registration starts for the CarrotFest Messy Face Ice Cream Contest at 3 Scoops; the contest itself takes place at 3 p.m.

There will be three opportunities to catch the **Jagger Sports BMX Stunt Show** this year - at the Bradford Community Centre at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., and on Barrie St. at 7 p.m.

Entertainment on the main stage continues all day, including performances by Elite Dance Corps at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Cara Lea and Leo Gray at 5 p.m., and at 6:30 p.m. Destroyer, a KISS tribute band. Also at 6:30, **Quest for the Cup 10 PWA Wrestling**, featuring Brutus the Barber Beefcake (a ticketed event; see www.carrofest.ca or www.ticketpro.ca) will get underway at the Bradford Community Centre.

The **Flaming Carrot Fire Show** returns to the Four Corners at 8 p.m., followed by **Hearafter** on the Main Stage.

Sunday will see the Dock

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Jagger Sports BMX stunt rider, at last year's Carrotfest

Dogs Championships continue, starting at 10 a.m. - and the 10th Annual Family Fun Fest at Lions Park, from noon to 4 p.m., a free event.

put on by Bradford Community Church and Bradford Baptist Church, with family games, bouncy castles, food and prizes.

For a detailed schedule, see www.carrotfest.ca - and find out why the festival is ranked one of the top 100 in Ontario.

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Opinion

Point of View

Better planning

Every time a townhome proposal comes before Bradford West Gwillimbury council, there seems to be hand-wringing and heart-burning over visitor parking.

With the narrower lot frontages associated with townhomes, there is generally limited on-street parking available in front of the units.

The standard in recent years has been to allow developers to treat townhouses as part of an overall plan of subdivision – averaging out the number of on-street spaces, and in effect “double-counting” parking spaces, by allocating on-street visitor parking on neighbouring streets. It’s a situation that has led to congestion, occasionally unsafe situations for both motorists and pedestrians, and resident complaints.

Surely there is a simple solution, through the town’s Official Plan, now up for review: treat townhouses

not as part of an overall plan of subdivision, but as enclaves, and ensure that each proposal includes sufficient visitor parking within the boundaries of that enclave.

It may prevent developers from maximizing the number of units that can be crammed onto a site, but it will result in better-designed, more liveable townhome developments, and acknowledge reality: townhouse dwellers do have visitors.

Not every townhouse development pushes visitor parking onto neighbouring streets – where, in fact, there may be parking restrictions. A number of new developments have incorporated “window streets,” where the driveways are accessed off a separate road rather than the main arterial road. It’s a configuration that improves safety for the residents, provides additional on-street parking, and is just good planning – without the hand-wringing and heart-burning.

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Be bold with beauty



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At the Be Bold with Beauty gala fundraiser at Shoppers Drug Mart, from left Cady Dykstein, LeeAnne Osborne, Meghan Almond and Jessica Mallia. A bake sale, silent auction, and mini-makeovers with beauty professionals – it was all part of the Be Bold With Beauty fundraising Gala at Shoppers Drug Mart, on Aug. 13, raising money for Breast Cancer research. The beauty fundraiser took place at Shoppers Drug Marts across the country, but the Bradford branch has always added a personal touch – including the home-baking, and treats donated by Sweet B's Confectionery and Bakery.

Letters to the Editor

Launching the Leo Club

To the editor: The Bradford Lions Club is starting a local Leo Club – a club for youth between the ages of 12 and 18, who want to volunteer to help others in the community. It's a club run by youth, for youth – with an elected executive, an opportunity to plan and carry out community initiatives, host fundraising events, and direct the money raised to the cause of choice. There is no cost to join, and members will easily meet the Community Service Hours required to graduate from high school.

Information on the Leo Club will be available at the Aug. 27 Lions Community Awareness Day, which will take place outside the Bradford Courthouse, from noon to 3 p.m.; and there will be an information session on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m., in the Lions Den (Lions Park Building, off Colborne St.). Young people and their families are invited to come out and learn more about this world-wide volunteer organization. There is no obligation, and no cost. For additional information, contact Lion Jim Slynchuk, jalsynchuk@le.ca or call the Lions at 905-775-9170.

Bradford Lions Club

Nature Heritage

To the editor: Today, Aug. 18, the Ontario Heritage Trust, in partner-

ship with the Nipissing Naturalists Club, will unveil a provincial plaque to commemorate naturalist Louise de Kiriline Lawrence, in Bonfield, Ontario.

Louise de Kiriline Lawrence was an early environmentalist and an internationally-renowned ornithologist and author. She contributed to our knowledge of North American wildlife through her detailed observation and exhaustive fieldwork.

In 1927, Louise immigrated to Canada and settled in northern Ontario, where she was head nurse to the Ojibwa Quintuplets in 1934. In 1939, she married Leonard Lawrence; the couple settled on the Mattawa River where they built a log cabin. At this point, she became committed to the naturalist activities that would make her famous.

Throughout a lifetime of careful and patient observation, the self-taught Louise wrote over 500 reviews, 17 scientific papers and five books on wildlife, still in print today. A number of honours, including the annual Louise de Kiriline Lawrence Nature Festival organized by the Nipissing Naturalists Club, ensure that her significant work in the field of natural science is remembered.

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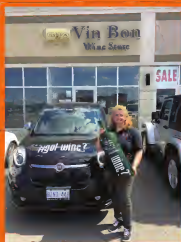
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For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division at 905-775-5366.

Regular Meeting of Council & Committee of the Whole

• Tue. Aug. 23 @ 7:00 p.m. – 125 Simcoe Rd.
Bradford Community Centre - upstairs
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Board/Committee

Economic Development Advisory Committee

• Wed. Aug. 24 @ 6:30 p.m. –
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Fri. Aug. 19 @ 3:00 p.m. through
Sun. Aug. 21 @ 3:00 a.m.
• Simcoe Rd. from Holland St. to Centre St.

Sat. Aug. 20 @ 6:00 a.m. through
Sun. Aug. 21 @ 3:00 a.m.
• Holland St. from Holland Crt. to Colbourne St.
• Barrie St. from John St. to Holland St.

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- **August 16, 2-6pm: Growth & Population and Downtown-Bradford DONE**
- **August 18, 2-6pm: Employment Lands TODAY!**
- **August 23, 10am-2pm: Seniors Housing**

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Notice of Public Meeting

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Take notice that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will be proposing four (4) general amendments to its current Official Plan, and wants to hear from you. You are invited to attend and provide your input at the following public consultation opportunities:

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Date: Tue, Sept. 13, 2016
Times: 4-6 pm & 7-9 pm

Location: BWG Public Library,
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(425 Holland St W)

PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Tue, Oct. 4, 2016
Time: 7 pm

Location: BWG Public Library,
Zima Room
(425 Holland St W)

The purpose and effect of the four (4) proposed amendments that are to be reviewed in the first two (2) phases in the review of the Town's Official Plan, will be to review and propose updates to four (4) specific policy areas in order to bring them into conformity with upper-tier and provincial land use planning policies and other instruments (e.g., minister's zoning orders), and to ensure that they represent the community's current visions and aspirations in these regards. Those four (4) specific policy areas consist of the following:

- Employment Lands
- Growth Projections and Housing Mix
- Downtown Revitalization
- Seniors Housing

The second of the two (2) phases in the review of the Town's Official Plan will review the balance of its policies, for which public consultation opportunities will take place at later dates.

The Official Plan amendments that will be proposed apply to all lands in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Additional information regarding the proposed Official Plan amendments will be available for public inspection by no later than Wednesday, September 14, 2016:

- on the Town's Official Plan Review 2016-2017 project web page (www.townofbwg.com/PlanBWG); and
- at the Office of Community Planning located at 305 Barrie Street, Unit # 2, Bradford, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Office of Community Planning:

- by telephone, at 905-775-2055
- by facsimile, at 905-778-2070
- by email, at alr@bwg.townofbwg.com
- by mail, at Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, c/o Office of Community Planning, 305 Barrie Street, Unit 2, P.O. Box 419, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A9

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 18th day of August, 2016.

Rebecca Murphy, Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk

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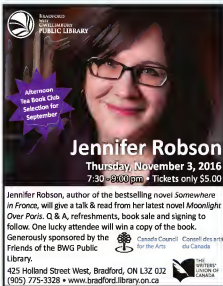
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Police Briefs

Impaired by drugs

Bradford – At 3 a.m. on Aug. 15, South Simcoe Police were inside the vehicle and the driver was fast asleep. When awakened, the driver was incoherent and appeared to be under the influence of narcotics. A 27-year-old Woodbridge male was taken in for tests which confirmed narcotics; he was charged with impaired by drugs. His car was impounded for seven days, he received a 90-day administrative driver's licence suspension, and a court date that could result in a \$1,000 to \$2,000 fine, if convicted.

Impaired

Bradford – At 3:30 a.m. on Aug. 14, a citizen reported that a 22-year-old Bradford man had attended a local grocery store, was staggering and unable to walk – but left the store, got into his vehicle and drove off. Officers stopped the vehicle, short distance away, and determined that the driver was impaired by alcohol. He was arrested, and returned to the station for breath tests, which he failed. His vehicle was impounded for seven days, his licence suspended for 90 days, and he has a court date that could result in a further suspension, and hefty fine.

Over .080 mgs

Bradford – Just after 7 p.m. on Aug. 11, a concerned citizen notified South Simcoe Police of a possible impaired driver. The witness followed the suspect vehicle, updated police by phone. Officers pulled over the vehicle on Bridge St., and administered a roadside screening test to the driver, a 44-year-old Toronto male. He registered a FAIL, and was taken to the station for further testing – and subsequently charged with Drive over .080 mgs. His licence was suspended for 90 days, his car impounded, and he has a court

date in September. Remember, if you see a suspected drunk driver, treat it as a crime in progress and call 911 – Safe Roads, Your Call!

Theft under \$5000

Bradford – On Aug. 11, around 3 p.m., an officer called to a Bradford store spotted a man who was wanted on an arrest warrant. She confirmed the warrant, then moved in to make the arrest. At that time, the man handed over 2 extension cords that he had stolen and hidden on his person. As he was searched, the officer discovered a small amount of marijuana in a bag he was carrying. The 40 year old Bradford man was arrested and handed over to Barrie Police, who held the warrant – and now faces new charges of theft under \$5000, possession of stolen property, and possession of a controlled substance.

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Innisfil – During a recent incident on Lake Simcoe, a police vessel responding to a Search and Rescue call was forced to take evasive action when a large vessel crossed their path. Boaters are reminded that they must yield to emergency vessels with lights flashing on area waterways. Police and fire vessels often respond to emergencies on the water when time is a factor. Boaters are asked to come to a complete stop and yield the right of way to responding emergency vessels.

Daytime break and enter

Innisfil – A warning Simcoe Police are issuing homeowners after a brazen daylight break and enter on Aug. 11. A homeowner surprised in her home on the 7th Line of Innisfil, near Yonge St., around 9:20 a.m. She came downstairs after hearing a noise, and found a strange man in her kitchen. He grabbed her purse off the counter, then ran outside and drove off in a small white car. The man rang the doorbell before entering the home through the unlocked front door. He is described as a white male, with short brown hair, wearing grey shorts and an olive-coloured t-shirt. Rural homeowners are reminded to lock all doors, even when home. Park a car outside, and look to identify visitors before answering the door. Report all suspicious activity to police.



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Reaching the goal... Fundraising for repairs to the Bell Tower.



Rev. Robert Sweet accompanies singers on guitar, at a fundraising Hymn Sing at Trinity Anglican Church.



From right, Ariene, Jahiya, 10, and Venese at the Ice Cream Sundae Social.

Hymn Sing raises funds for Trinity's Bell Tower

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The church bell at Trinity Anglican Church in Bradford, may soon ring again.

The 1-ton bell, cast in Troy, New York in 1900 was silenced after water penetrated the bell tower, and weakened

the beams. The church was advised that it was unsafe to ring the bell until repairs could be made – launching a year-long drive to raise the \$60,000 needed.

Fundraising started with a Hymn Sing last year, and finished with a Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Sundae evening,

last Wednesday, Aug. 10.

"Truly this is a celebration, because of the money raised for the restoration of the bell tower," said Rev. Robert Sweet, who introduced each hymn, and accompanied singers on guitar. Rev. Sweet explained that the role of the bell was to sound the times of day, call

the people to church and, for those unable to leave their work or responsibilities, "lift up their hearts to God in the midst of their occupation...to joyously ring, as Jesus Christ be praised."

Hymns included O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, the first hymn written by

Charles Wesley and the first in the Methodist hymn-book, to Mine Eyes have Seen the Glory (the Battle Hymn of the Republic) – each chosen and sponsored by members of the Parish.

And at the end of the evening, as everyone prepared to head downstairs for

ice cream sundaes, courtesy of 3 Scoops Ice Cream, Sweet gave the blessing, and thanks "for these wonderful hymns and what they mean to us."

Trinity Anglican Church has its Building Permit, permission from the diocese, and a contractor lined up to begin work on the tower in October.

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Tickets are selling fast for the 2016 Lions Club of Bradford Mammoth Draw. Each \$100 ticket provides a chance for a share of \$102,362.75 in prizes, including the second prize of a 2016 Chevrolet Camaro, and top prize of a 2016 Chevy Colorado pick-up truck.

The tickets also admit two to the draw evening on Saturday, Sept. 10 - a night that begins with a beef buffet dinner and social gaming, and ends with great entertainment by Legends Live tribute artists, and the excitement of the elimination-style draw. Only 1,700 tickets are printed

- and all monies raised go to support the Lions' community projects, including Minor Sports, school bursaries and awards, Effective Speaking competition for Youth, the BWG Santa Claus Parade, Helping Hand Food Bank, Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, Scouts Guides, Southlake Regional Health Foundation, Leisure facilities in Bradford West Gwillimbury, Dog Guides, and people in the community with special needs.

In addition to the main draw, the Lions hold three Early Bird Draws, each for \$1000. The first was held at the

BWG Canada Day Celebration; the second will take place this Saturday, at Carrotfest. Winning tickets go back into the drum, for a chance at the main prize draw on Sept. 10.

The third and final Early Bird winner will be picked at the Lions Community Awareness Day, Saturday, Aug. 27, taking place at the Bradford Courthouse on Holland St. East, from noon to 3 p.m. Drop by to enjoy a free barbecue, and learn more about the Bradford Lions - and about a new initiative for youth, the Leo Club. The final Early Bird winner will be picked at 3 p.m.

BBBSY GoFundMe campaign

Big Brothers Big Sisters of York has seen a sharp drop in funding, which now threatens its PLAYGREAT recreational mentoring programs, in schools and community centres. That's why the organization has launched a new crowd-sourcing campaign on GoFundMe.

hoping to raise \$50,000 to cover the cost of recruiting and training recreational mentors, conducting background and reference checks, providing support, program equipment and healthy snacks, and covering the cost of program infrastructure. Big Brothers

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The paint and wallpaper emporium will be accepting donations of school backpacks for Simcoe Muskoka Family Connections (formerly Children's Aid Society), to ensure that kids will have what they need when they return to school this fall.

All during the month of August, backpacks filled with school supplies for kids in Primary, Intermediate, junior and high school grades can be dropped off at the store.

Recommended supplies for the primary grades: an insulated lunch bag and reusable water bottle, pencil case, pencils, crayons, washable markers, glue sticks, blunt scissors, erasers, a metric ruler, clothing labels and box of tissues.

Older elementary school kids also need an insulated lunch bag and water bottle, small ice pack, pencil case,



MURILAN KNOX/BRADFORD TIMES/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Lawrence Hellings with donations for the Back to School Backpack drive, at Decorator's Edge in Bradford, Ont. on Tuesday August 16, 2016.

pens, pencils, pencil crayons, sharpener, erasers, markers, highlighters, ruler, scissors, exercise notebooks, tabs, a calculator, two or three binders, lined paper, and a box of tissues.

For high school kids, the recommendation is for a larger backpack or shoulder bag filled with insulated lunch

bag, water bottle, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, pencil case, erasers, markers, highlighters, protractor set, ruler, scissors, duo-tangs, post-it notes, exercise notebooks, a scientific calculator, 2" binders, tabs and sheet protectors, lined and graph paper - and Kleenex. Donations should be dropped off by Aug. 28.

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Bond Head's Music in the Park

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On Sunday, Aug. 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., everyone is invited to the park for a Classic Car & Truck Show (car show registration begins at 10 a.m.), Lions' BBQ, vendors, and an outdoor concert. The music will start at 11 a.m., featuring Front Porch Harmony, Beeton Creek Rising, Yew 3, and headliners Naomi Bristow, the Yodelin' Cowgirl, and Canadian music icons, The Good Brothers.

Country and Gospel singer Naomi Bristow, now 18, has been performing since she was 8 – entertaining thousands across Canada and the U.S., and recording in Nashville with members of the Grand Ole Opry, including Vince Gill. This is an opportunity to hear an amazing young talent.

The Good Brothers – Bruce, Brian and Larry – have been on the music scene since the early 1970s, earning 8 Junos. They were inducted into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame in 2004, and the North American Country Music



NAOMI BRISTOW/BRADFORD TIMES

Naomi Bristow, the Yodelin' Cowgirl, in concert at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre in Bradford on June 11.

Association International Hall of Fame just this year.

Admission to Music in the Park II is free, but donations to the Hospice, located in Alliston and serving South Simcoe, will be gratefully accepted. Matthews House Hospice,

which provides end of life care and compassionate support to grieving families, relies on donations and community support.

Bring a lawn chair, and come out for a great afternoon of music.

Music in the Park



NAOMI BRISTOW/BRADFORD TIMES

Music in the Park continues at the BWG Library. On Aug. 4, music lovers enjoyed the opening act Wanderlust, a youth band that lit up the stage at the inaugural York-Simcoe Youth Music Festival, followed by the country tones of Neon Rain. Coming up on Thursday, Sept. 1 – the Hop Roderman band brings jazz to Bradford. Opening act at 6:30 p.m., on stage at the grassy area beside the library; headliner plays at 7:30 p.m. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and snacks.

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Church and community suppers

Peach Supper

The Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute is hosting its annual Ham and Peach Supper at the Tec-We-Gwill Hall in Newton Robinson, on Friday, Aug. 19. There will be three sittings, at 4:30, 5:45 and 7 p.m. Cost is only \$15 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under. Tickets are sold in advance only; contact 705-458-4555 or 905-778-0319 for tickets or take-out.

Corn Roast

The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Branch 547 of the Royal Canadian Legion invites the community to a Corn Roast, Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Legion Hall on Robinson St. in Belle Ewart. Peasieal bacon on a bun, salads, dessert and all you can eat corn, only \$12 per person. For tickets, contact Beverley at 705-294-0695. Dinner will be served around 5 p.m. All welcome.

Steak barbecue

Gifford United Church Steak Barbecue takes place on Saturday, Aug. 20 at the church on Gifford Rd., 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, for steak, corn on the cob, baked potato, and home-baked pies, \$8 for children under 12, for a hamburger supper. Rain or shine. Tickets at the door.

Perogy Dinner

St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 721 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, hosts another fabulous perogy dinner on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets at the door, \$10-\$12-\$14 for a small-regular-large dinner, of perogies, sausage or meat on a stick, salad, dessert, tea or coffee. Side-dishes of sausage cabbage rolls and Borscht are available for a small additional charge.

Great Ontario Auction for Nepal

Coming up, Sept. 1-18: The Great Ontario Auction for Nepal.

Nepal is still struggling to rebuild after the devastating 2015 Earthquake. The quake, which registered 7.8 on the Richter scale, devastated the central and mid-western portion of the country on April 25, destroying thousands of buildings. Seventeen days later a 7.3 magnitude "after-shock" caused further damage and suffering. In all, at least 8,700 people were killed, and more than 22,000 were injured.

Now, more than one year after the quakes, over 2.8 million people still need humanitarian aid: more than 1 million school children do not have access to education, and 32,000 classrooms still need to be repaired and renovated.

The online Great Ontario Auction for Nepal will raise money to rebuild Devitar, a remote area of Nepal close to one of the epicentres. Plans are to reconstruct the library and a classroom in the local school, restocking both with furnishings and books. Plans are to begin construction in early October.

The estimated budget? 1,526,453 Nepali Rupees – or \$18,068.75 Canadian.

Items up for auction include hotel vouchers, concert tickets, dinners, airline vouchers, boats and much more. See www.greatontarioauction.org – or GreatOntarioAuction on Facebook.com.

Tough fight against a tough invader

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

On one side of the road, the ditch is filled with bulrushes and cattails, a variety of sedges, grasses, and a mix of flowering weeds, attracting butterflies and other pollinators.

On the other side, a dense stand of Phragmites — the Common Reed — has crowded out all other vegetation, towering 10' over the road.

It's a scene that is becoming more and more common, as the invasive Phragmites australis spreads along roadsides and invades wetlands in Ontario.

The invader is spread by both seeds and by rhizomes, long underground runners that send out roots — gradually taking over ground and excluding other plants. It has a "secret weapon": the rhizomes secrete gallic acid, transformed by ultraviolet light into mesoxalic acid, both of which are toxic to plants.

In 2012, the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry and South Simcoe Streams Network began a five-year man-

ual control pilot project, in an attempt to find a way to curb the spread of the invader. The method involves manually cutting the plants, without disturbing the rhizomes, before the plants flower in late July or early August, followed by a second cut later in the summer.

"At this point, we appear to be holding our own against their spread," said Silvia Pedrazzi of the South Simcoe Streams Network. Recent cutting in the Holland Marsh and at the Bradford Sports Dome showed mixed results, however. "The plants are mostly without seed heads, and their spread appears to be thinning in spots, but growth from rhizomes persists in varying degrees."

The "strategic cutting method... appears to reduce Phragmites by about 25% per year," the network's guide to controlling the plant suggests — but Phragmites continues invade new areas, its seeds carried by the wind, water and wildlife, and its rhizomes spread by construction equipment. It will take a deter-

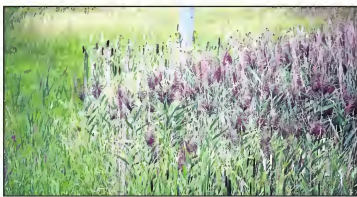
mined and long-term effort to control Phragmites, and so far, Ontario is limited in the tools it can employ.

A pesticide approved for in-water use in the U.S. is still awaiting Canadian federal approval — although Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency recently gave the MNRF emergency approval for a pilot project, permitting use of the herbicide in wetlands at Long Point Crown Marsh and Rondeau Provincial Park, hopefully this fall.

Otherwise, the MNRF and its partners are restricted to using herbicides on land only, "strategic cutting" or rolling, and prescribed burning to try to control the invader.

For the most part, the province's role has been to fund the municipal and environmental groups established to fight Phragmites, including the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Ontario Phragmites Working Group, which is working to develop "best practices."

And costs are beginning to mount. A spokesperson for MNRF noted that the ongoing



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Tall grass, with purple plumes — Phragmites australis takes over an area of wetland, at the northwest quadrant of Yonge St. and Line 10 BWG, north of Bradford.

efforts to control Phragmites at Long Point and Rondeau over the past decade have topped \$2 million.

Landowners can join the fight against the invader by manually cutting the reeds — and while it's best to cut the plants before the plume-like seed heads form, it's not too late to take action. Cut the

seed heads first, and place in a heavy-duty plastic bag for safe disposal, then cut the plant back as close to the ground as possible, without disturbing the roots.

Disturbing the roots just spurs the plants to spread.

Cut plants can be left in place, to dry out. When leaving the area, clean tools and

brush off clothing, to avoid spreading the seeds.

Just a note: There is a native version of the Common Reed, Phragmites americanus, which looks like a miniature version of the invasive species. It is found as individual plants, and does not form dense stands like Phragmites australis.

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Fundraising at the market

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Mother Nature wasn't in the mood to co-operate, sending wind after waves of torrential rain on Saturday, that had shoppers at the Bradford Farmers' Market scurrying for cover.

But before the skies opened and the rain poured down, there was plenty of fun, and fundraising taking place. Russ Clayton, dressed in a spangled jumpsuit, was 'Elv-Russ' - giving an Elvis twist to popular children's songs.

Volunteers with BWG Community Initiatives served up fresh, locally-grown corn on the cob for \$1.50 an ear, to raise money for the Bradford Community Meal, a free meal served up every Friday at the Bradford United Church, to anyone in the community on a limited or fixed income, alone, or lonely.

And over at Sweet Annabella's, the pies were flying off the tables, in Tammy Jackson's annual Cancer Fundraiser, raising money for local families struggling with cancer. She holds the annual event in memory of her mother, Anna, who received outstanding care from

Southlake's cancer program. Jackson had a special guest: friend and neighbour, master carver Honky Hawrysis, who brought a selection of his carvings to display - and one large 'spirit' carving, made from a cedar log, to be raffled off for the fundraiser.

It was something a little different - a forest face, carved into the wood, with a single eagle feather. 'I wanted to something extra special,' said Hawrysis, in memory of Tammy's mom. 'I knew her.'

With an international reputation, Hawrysis was selling raffle tickets even before the sculpture, valued at over \$300, was unveiled, helping to help boost the fundraising effort.

With rain cutting short the market day, the sale of pies and raffle tickets raised \$500 - a little short of the target. As a result, Jackson and Hawrysis plan to continue selling raffle tickets all this week; the winner will be drawn at the Market on August 20, just after 11 a.m.

The Bradford Farmers' Market is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., beside the Bradford Public Library at 425 Holland St. West.



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Carver Honky Hawrysis with spirit carving, and Tammy Jackson with pie, at the Sweet Annabella's cancer fundraiser.



From left, Bradford West Gwillimbury Councillor Peter Ferragine, Mayor Rob Keffer and Councillor Gary Baynes promote the Charity Corn Roast.



'Elv-Russ' sings, at the Farmers' Market in Bradford.

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The Minor Bantam "A" Hockey team held a fundraising Car Wash and barbecue on Aug. 13 — with help from Pro Oil Change, which provided the venue and the water for the wash. Players and parents were busy, waving cars into the parking lot, and scrubbing the dust of summer from vehicles for a donation to the team. Pro Oil Change is located at 474 Holland St. West.

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T-BALL DIVISION

Aug. 8, Royalty Stone vs. Doggywood Stars. Royalty Stone's Chase P. went 3 for 3, bringing home the 5th run in the first inning. Allison V. also went 3 for 3, and was unstoppable as pitcher, with an amazing out at home plate. Owen P. had a big run.

Aug. 11, Bradford Home Hardware, MFC Landscape Contracting. MFC had big hits from Maddox, Colby and Julian; a double from Bailey; and home runs from Will, Tyler and Luca. Excellent pitching from Will, Sandro and Ryeer in a super, exciting game. Thanks to coaches Carolyn and Mike for a superb season.

ATOM DIVISION

Aug. 8, Drive True Mechanical - 11, Vin Bon - 7. Comeback victory for Drive True, with great fielding by Luke D., super catch at 1st base by Julien D., and a home run by Noah S. that drove in the winning runs. On to the playoffs!

Aug. 9, Back Alley Cruisers - 15, Robert W. Ratusny Law - 11. Cruisers had great batting from Jayden Z., AJ H. and Zohabi F.; super plays by Derek B., Leah S. and Sabas-

tian D., and a great out at first base by Michael M., in an all-round team effort.

Aug. 9, Robin Evans Real Estate - 14, Bradford Lions Club - 10. Robin Evans came out swinging with great pitching, helping the team to its 3rd win in a row. Great plays and hitting by Fisher P., Thomas B., Adam D. was 5 for 5. Jerin M. crushed 2 home runs, Addison C.'s bat was hot, Brody B. had great swings and a great defensive plays at first base.

PEEWEE DIVISION

Aug. 4, Universal Mobile - 15, SCS Consulting - 10. Universal Mobile had 2 great innings of pitching from Kaitlyn and Jordan; a super out from Tyler C. who stopped a grounder and tagged a runner; and great fielding by Matthew and Jordan for an out at home plate. Matthew also took a walk, and ended by stealing home, for the first run of the game. Dawson had a great sacrifice single for a key RBI. Sarah M. hit a 2 RBI double; Dawson not only hit a 2 RBI single — his efforts as catcher were awesome, keeping SCS from stealing runs at home plate. Thank you to call-ups Michael F. and Kyle

.., who showed patience at bat, took the walks — and had great base-running to score key runs.

Aug. 11, Universal Mobile - 17, MCO Orthodontics - 10. Tyler C. had a 2 RBI double for Universal Mobile; Sarah M. also had 2 RBIs, on a single and sacrifice single, and a super outing as pitcher; Darcy M. had stellar catching and great base-running, stealing home; Michael was solid at bat and awesome fielding; Megan M. took a walk and scored a bases-loaded RBI; Tyler C. had a great inning as pitcher with 2 strike-outs; awesome fielding by Matthew, Adam and James with key outs on first base. Great team effort.

BANTAM DIVISION

Aug. 8, Ultimate Care & Truck, A&W High Voltage - 10. With only 7 players and a last-minute call-up, Jackson M., A&W High Voltage played with determination and grit in a losing cause.

Aug. 11, A&W High Voltage - 19, RNS Health and Wellness Centre - 16. Great team effort by A&W for the win, with an awesome trip by Eric M., double by Sarah M., and grand slam.

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FRI., AUG. 19

CARROT-FEST: Bradford gets back to its roots with Carrotfest. Opening 6 p.m. at the Four Corners of Bradford on Friday, Aug. 19, with music by Fennel Lemons, and Jagger Tanner Band. Saturday, Aug. 20 - street festival, buskers, live entertainment, Ontario Deck Dogs. Competition at the Bradford Community Centre, Wrestling at the old arena - free at 11:30 a.m., paid admission at 6:30 p.m. For full list, see www.carrotfest.ca

TEC-WILL GWILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE PEACH SUPPER: Three sittings at the Tec-Will W Hall in Newton Robinson, at 4:30, 5:45 and 7

p.m. Ham and Peaches, \$15 for adults, \$6 for kids 12 and under. Tickets in advance ONLY: Call 705-458-4555 or 905-778-0319 for tickets or take-out.

SAT., AUG. 20

STEAK BBQ: At Gifford United Church, 5-7:30 p.m. Adults \$20 for steak, salads, corn on the cob, and home-made pies for dessert; kids under 12 only \$8 for a Hamburger Dinner. Rain or Shine. Tickets at the door.

CORN ROAST AT THE LEFROY

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NEWTON ROBINSON COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE: From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the closed 10th Line BWG west of 27 - a community garage sale will raise funds for Newton Robinson community events!

ARTS AT CARROTFEST: Art gallery and acoustic performances at the Bradford Centre for the Arts (Bradford United Church), 66 Barrie St., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drop in



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and check it out - and join in an Open Jam, at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

SUN., AUG. 21

FREE FAMILY FUN FEST: At Bradford's Lions Park, off Colborne St. Free food, fun, bouncy castles, games and prizes for kids and families, 12 to 4 p.m. Organized by Bradford Community Church and Bradford Baptist Church.

THURS., AUG. 25

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS: At the grassy area beside the BWG Public Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. West. The Good Dinosaur (PG) will screen at dusk - bring your own snacks, blankets and lawn chairs! Free.

SEED SAVER WORKSHOP:

The Innisfil Seed Library presents another workshop at the Lakeshore Library, Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona, at 6 p.m. Learn how save seeds from your favourite herbs and flowers. Pre-register at the Library.

SAT., AUG. 27

TREASURE SALE: Donated treasures can be yours for a donation to the Bradford United Church, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., at 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Rent a table for \$15; call 905-775-7268.

EUCHRE PARTY: At Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tickets at the door for an afternoon of cards, refreshments and prizes. All welcome.

Improve the ambulance service

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

The Town of BWG received correspondence from the townships of North Frontenac and Addington Highlands, calling on the province to provide funding to local fire departments, to cover the cost of responding to medical calls.

Rather than support the requests, BWG councillors have called for improvements to the current ambulance service, to relieve pressure on the fire departments.

"This is something that's been ongoing for quite a long time," said Councillor Mark Contois. "The added cost to the community for paramedic services is starting to compile."

BWG Fire & Emergency Services responded to 1,565 calls in 2015, over half (824) were medical calls.

Contois noted that the federal government is calling for

increased medical training for firefighters. "What they failed to do is provide funding."

Councillor Gary Baynes suggested the request was "backwards," rather than empowering fire departments to provide medical response, Simcoe County and the province should be increasing the number of ambulances, and improving response times.

"Maybe we can take it to the county - get the county to delve into this," said Deputy Mayor James Ledu, noting that fire departments are

already "getting inundated" with calls. Instead of creating a new tier of medical response, and overlapping service, "you need to fix the ambulances, you need to fix

the wait times at the hospital," he said.

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Riding for Karen, and kids with cancer

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Ride for Karen was started in 2002 as a tribute to Karen Tobias, after she lost a five-year battle with breast cancer.

"My brother Kirk and I started the ride in that year, in memory of our mom," says Kris Tobias. A cyclist "pretty much my whole adult life," he invited family and friends to the inaugural event. That first year, the Ride for Karen was more Memorial than Fundraiser, although the approximately 35 participants raised about \$30,000, to send kids with cancer to summer camp.

The ride has grown every year since then, with up to 400 cyclists participating in a 100K or 160K Century Ride, or 200K Dou-

ble Century Ride — raising \$150,000 in a single day. And it gives Kirk and Kris great satisfaction to know that "100 cent dollars" go to the charities of choice — cancer camps Trillium, Quality and Ochegrease — thanks to the sponsorship of Scotiabank, and companies like Paradigm promotions.

"If you raise \$500 (through pledges), that \$500 is going to the camps," Kris says. "We've always been able to deliver 100 cent dollars." The total to date comes to more than \$2.23 million.

The Tobias family is still very much involved in organizing the Ride for Karen, including baking "tons and tons of cookies" for the participants. "The next generation, my kids and my brother's kids, are helping out as well."

But there is also a team

of nearly 100 volunteers who help out on Ride Day. "From 5 o'clock in the morning, when you're setting up, to people following the riders to deal with mechanical issues," and every aspect of the cycling event.

The Ride for Karen takes place Sunday, Aug. 28, leaving from the Markham Fairgrounds at 8:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$100 (event day registration is \$150). See www.rideforkaren.com to register.

A portion of the ride swings through the south end of the Holland Marsh, including Graham Sideroad. "The Holland Marsh is a great treat to ride through. That's something people always comment on," says Kirk. Especially after some routes negotiate the steep hill in Kettleby. "That is a stinger."



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

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All Claims against the Estate of Brenda Deigan late of Bradford, Ontario who died on or about October 20, 2015, must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before September 15, 2016 hereafter. The undersigned will distribute the assets of the said estate having regard only to the claims filed.

Dated: Thursday, August 11, 2016

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MIKKESEN, Edith Marie Jacqueline (nee Embling). After a most courageous fight with cancer, Maria succumbed and passed away on August 14, 2016 at age 67. Loving husband of Jan for 46 years. Maria is survived by loving sons, Jamye and Deryn, daughter-in-law, Noelle, and "bestest" grandchildren; Emma, 12, Patrick, 10, and Sophie, 8, who all loved her dearly.

Maria was also a wonderful daughter to Marjorie and Alexander Embling of Brampton and a caring sister. Her nostalgia garden was a priority but Maria could not be happier attending bingo, casinos, or horse races. She also loved boating, tennis, woodcarving, and music. Maria's sense of humour carried her through life and she will be forever greatly missed.

A cremation service has already been held. Family and friends are invited to a celebration of Maria's life on **Saturday, Aug 20th, 2016 in the barn at 2323 Line 13, Bradford West, Gwillimbury.** Social at 2 p.m., service at 3 p.m. and casual dress reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to **Murderer's Kid** at the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO) at Southlake Cancer Centre. Donations will be accepted at the celebration.

In Loving Memory

Neil Middlebrook
August 21, 2015

*Loving husband, dad, and grandpa
Can't believe a year has passed
since you left us, but a day
doesn't go by that we don't think
of you.*

*Although we aren't together we will
never be apart
Because you have that special place
Right here in our hearts.*

*Love always and forever,
We miss you so much.
Wife Shirley and family
Troy, Tom & Joan
Burtis & Joanne
and Kurtis, Gavin, Darryl and Scott*



RACHEL DANIELLE REBECCA BAKER

January 10, 1980 - August 23, 2005

Angels who watch us from up above

Were your laugh cuddles and love

We all and talk to you every day

And when we talk we will often say

We wish Danielle were here today

With a tear in our eyes and heavy hearts

Fly high special angel

For us you will never depart.

Love you Forever

Mommy, Daddy, Adam & Lisa & Papa,

Ron, Cindy, Jake, & Georgia

Nothing is really lost

as long as you
remember it.

- Allys Coaldie,



Remembering Dunkerron S.S. #1

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The variety store, where local kids would buy blackball candies for a penny and pop for a nickel, is now a restaurant; the church has closed its doors; and the one-room schoolhouse was demolished decades ago, when the road was widened - but former students of the Dunkerron S.S. #1 school will get together for a reunion, to share their stories and memories.

The first reunion was held in 1959, when Doris Boyd, Betty and Marilyn Argent, Joan and Norma Bennett, and Linda Baker met over lunch to reminisce about their school days.

The reunion has become an annual event, attracting a growing number of former students and their spouses - meeting in Schomberg, Newmarket and Bradford, over the years. For the past several years, the reunion has been held at the 1812 Grillhouse, site of the former Holmes' Variety Store.

Marilyn Argent remembers

being one of three Grade 8 students in the Dunkerron school, which had a student body of about 30 at the time. Her teacher was Florie Heyman (McCallum), then only 18.

Joan Bennett Renny's mother, Emily Bennett, also taught at S.S. #1. "One of mom's students was Orville Hughes," she said. Hughes went on to become a West Gwillimbury Twp. Councillor, Warden of Simcoe County, school board trustee - and a regular attendee at the reunion. He passed away this January, at the age of 85.

"By the time S.S. #1 closed in 1958, it had only 20 students. Kids were transferred to Sir William Oakes Public School in Bond Head - but still remember the teachers, and the pranks that characterized school days in the one-room Dunkerron School.

Preparations for the School Fair, and the Beeton Fair Parade, An Arbour Day when, instead of planting up the school yard, the kids were fishing in the Holland River. The day of the Great Snowball Fight on Bob Forsythe's hill.

The baseball diamond, where everyone from the smallest Grade 1 to Grade 8 played together. The Christmas Concerts, organized the talented Preston family.

Dunkerron was founded by Irish Quaker families, including the Doyles and Nolans. Originally named "Corbett's Corners," at one time the thriving hamlet had two churches, a blacksmith shop, three homes, and the schoolhouse.

The first school, built circa 1853, was replaced by a brick building in 1891 - which burned down. The familiar S.S. #1, with its separate doors for boys and girls, was built in 1898.

Although the community has dwindled, the memories and the ties are as strong as ever. About 50 people attended this year's reunion, held July 27 at the 1812 Grillhouse. They reminisced, and enjoyed a buffet dinner, followed by karaoke.

There was even a cake decorated with a photo of the old school, created by Nancy Young, bearing the words, "Let's keep S.S. #1 in our hearts for ever."

Heritage matters in BWG

The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, on Aug. 19, 2014, passed by-law 2014-74 giving Heritage Designation to the Treasury Building at 61 Holland St. East, also known as the Old Town Hall.

The Old Town Hall is a real attraction in the downtown area, with its distinctive yellow and salmon brickwork. Not only has the building been preserved for all to enjoy, there is also a Clock Tower, built to commemorate the millennium (Year 2000), beautiful landscaping, and benches for those wanting to take in the surroundings.

The Old Town Hall itself was

built circa 1862. This building has served many public roles: municipal administration offices, a school, and community hall. It was one of the few buildings in downtown Bradford to survive the great fire of 1871, and for over 150 years has served generations of political decision-makers that have shaped the town's history.

The two-story building is in the "classical revival" architectural style, with a symmetrical facade and simplified temple form. Building components include a steeply-pitched centre gable, reminiscent of Gothic Revival, set into a shed roof, and flanked by corbelled parapets, and a plain cornice and frieze sup-

ported on brackets. The windows are set into segmented arch openings ornamented with alternating Voussoirs and "ears" of dichromatic brick, and stone or concrete bugulls. The centre window above the main entrance is raised above the entrance gable, tying together the facade and entrance projection.

The rubble stone foundation, and the brick cladding (white sand-blasted) are both original; the windows and doors are not, but the imposing edifice still looks very much as it did in the previous century - creating continuity, both visually and historically.

Courtesy of the Bradford Heritage Committee

Historians on a Mystery Bus Tour

MIRIAM KING, POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Destination: unknown. About 20 history-lovers met at Bond Head United Church on July 10, for a "Mystery Tour" of historic sites in Bradford West Gwillimbury and West Tecumseh. For only \$5 per person, they were invited to step aboard the big yellow school bus, for a tour of historic churches, cemeteries and cairns.

Highlights included a visit to St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite) in Bond Head - once the church of Anglican minister, Rev. Featherstone Osler. The tour also visited the cairn set up to honour Osler's famous son, Sir William Osler, recognized as the father of modern diagnostic medicine. Then the bus headed out to St. John's Anglican, on the 6th Line of West Tecumseh, built in 1881; the Rich Hill cemetery, site of St. Margaret's of Scotland Church; Monkman's cemetery, dating back to 1836 - where all that remains is a cairn, made of monuments from the abandoned cemetery; and the Penville site, before returning to Bond Head for refreshments, and reflection.



TRIPP, Reginald - Peacefully passed away at Sheridan Valley in Mississauga on Friday, August 5, 2016. Reg Tripp of Bradford in his 80th year. Beloved husband of Hannelore (nee Schreke). Dear stepfather of Rodney Stacey, late Marvin (Mary) Stacey, Allen Stacey and Edwin (Shepherd) Stacey. Dear grandpas of Sasha and Zakary. Dear brother of late Harvey (Ann), late Doug (late Bernice), Murray (June), Eleanor (late Jimmy) and Glenda (Bob). Reg will be fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Friends may call at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, 30 Simcoe Rd., Bradford for a memorial visitation on **Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 12 noon until the time of a memorial service at 1 p.m.** In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society or Stomach Regional Cancer Centre at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

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